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Title

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SENSING AN OBJECT OR A PERSON IN THE INTERIOR OF A VEHICLE

AND VEHICLE OCCUPANT DEGLECTION ADDADAS

AND VEHICLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION APPARATUS

IN A VEHICLE WITH SUCH A DEVICE

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent 5,366,241 (Kithil) dated November 22, 1994;

International Patent ApplicationPCT/US97/03510 (Kithil et al.) dated October 2, 1997;

German Patent DE 44 06 897 C1 (Zeidler et al.) dated May 24, 1995, pertains to a device for the recognition of the occupancy of a seat in a motor vehicle;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 195 47 333 A1 (Hore et al.) dated June 26, 1997, pertains to a passenger protection system for motor vehicles used for passenger transport, as mentioned on page 2 of the specification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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